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## **Governor Granholm again vetoes Wixom Road reconstruction**

**LANSING** – State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) today announced that she will continue to fight for funding of the I-96 and Wixom Road interchange, which is so vital to the health, safety and welfare of the region. Cassis offered the amendment in the Senate that secured funding for this project deemed by Governor Granholm to be “parochial.”

“Economic development and new jobs are knocking on the door,” Cassis said, “but with this veto Governor Granholm has once again demonstrated that she fails to have any understanding of the local and state economic importance of the Wixom Road interchange.”

The Wixom Road and Beck Road interchanges were always considered one project with federal highway dollars backing the reconstruction and local and county government investing heavily in preparation and road improvements. Funding has been available for these projects since 1996 with the Beck Road interchange to be completed first and the Wixom Road interchange to immediately follow.

“Governor Granholm is making a conscious decision to hold back legitimate economic development that can add jobs and grow our economy at a time when Michigan’s economy is among the worst in the nation,” Cassis said. “It is long past time for Governor Granholm to stop impeding Michigan’s growth and allow our state to thrive.”

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